



**14 March 2023**

**School Newsletter 6**

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**Dear Parents/Caregivers**     Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

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# Teacher Strike 16 March: School Closed



## Industrial Action – NZEI Teachers’ Strike on Thursday 16 March 2023

The NZEI has advised the Coatesville Board its member principal and teachers at our school will be taking strike action on 16 March 2023.

The Board has carefully considered the availability of non-union teaching staff, and unfortunately decided we can’t provide normal instruction during the strike so the **school will be officially closed on Thursday 16 March 2023.**

We know this is inconvenient for parents and students alike. Please be assured student safety is our main concern. Thank you for your understanding.

Please contact Belinda Finlayson, Board Presiding Member, on 021 0557273 if you have any queries relating to this decision.

Yours sincerely

Board Presiding Member,

On behalf of the Coatesville School Board.

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# Teacher Strike 16 March: Why?



Message from NZEI (Primary Teachers & Principals Union) - endorsed by the staff of Coatesville School:

*Our tamariki need a quality education. And we want to give that to them.*

*Unfortunately, the **funding for our schools and kindergartens is not enough for us to give us the time we would like to support all our kids to thrive.***

*We need to **attract and retain educators** by ensuring that teaching is a valued and attractive profession.*

*Principals and teachers in primary and area schools and kindergartens have considered at length offers from the government to settle our respective collective agreements.*

*The **offers did not meet our expectations, nor make sufficient steps towards the changes we need for our children to succeed.***

*You may have seen that we voted to take industrial action on 16 March. **It's the last thing we wanted to do.** And the decision was not taken lightly.*

*We felt that this was the **only way the government would listen and recognise that when they support our children to learn and succeed, we are supporting whānau and communities to thrive.***

*We look forward to another great year in 2023 – and together with your support, building the case for better investment in our tamariki.*

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NZEI  
TE RIU ROA

**whakamana  
tamariki  
whakamana  
kaiake  
tumeke  
tumuaki**

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**We all want the best for our kids.**

But our schools and kindergartens are understaffed, and teachers and principals over-stretched.

**Industrial action is a last resort.** We are striking on 16 March to press the government to improve conditions, and to show the government we are serious about needing change.

**Teachers' working conditions are your children's learning conditions.**

We need:

- Improved support for tamariki
- More staff to support learning
- Better recognition for the work primary teachers and principals do
- Value and respect for our kindergarten teachers



You can show your support by  
signing this open message to  
Minister for Education Jan Tinetti

*Poipoia te kākano kia puawai*

*Nurture the seed and it will blossom*



# Parent Information Afternoon



Thank you to all those parents/caregivers who were able to attend the two parent sessions last Wednesday. Team leaders and teachers did an excellent job of presenting a great deal of information to the assembled groups! They appreciated your support.

Understandably some people were unable to attend the sessions. After school commitments for many families can make it challenging.

**Both presentations will be shared with all parents/caregivers later this week.** There will also be a feedback opportunity for everyone to share any comments and questions for further consideration.



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# 'Back to School' Social Evening

Bring a blanket, dinner and drinks for a couple of hours of mixing and mingling, fun and a few organised activities before 'summer' ends!

Have some fun and get to know a few more of our amazing school whānau - parents/caregivers, staff and students. A great opportunity to make connections!

When: **Thursday 23rd March** (Date has changed)

Where: **On our school field**

Activity session 1: **5-5.45pm**

**Dinner break: 5.45-6.15pm**

Activity session 2: **6.15-7.15pm**

*Kotahitanga' is the concept of 'togetherness'.*

*It means unity, inclusiveness, working together to achieve common goals ...*

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# Year 3-6 Swimming Sports 2023 - Results

Our annual School Swimming Sports for Year 3-6 students was held last Tuesday, 7th March in our school pool. It was a fantastic day with perfect weather!

The students thoroughly enjoyed themselves with the opportunity compete in Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Medley events in two distance categories, with both half length (12m) and full length (25m) races.

Thank you very much to all the parents that supported the event as timekeepers!

## Our 25m Swimming Champions for 2023 are:

7 Year Old Boys: *Rylan Hill*

8 Year Old Boys: *Eric Kulko*

9 Year Old Boys: *Henry Meredith*

10+ Year Old Boys: *Macson Qi*

7 Year Old Girls: *Qianyao Li*

8 Year Old Girls: *Evie Meredith*

9 Year Old Girls: *Zadie Scott*

10+ Year Old Girls: *Isla Hawkes*

A full list of results can be found on our [website](#).







# Year 1-6 Netball Registrations 2023

If your child would like to play netball this year during terms 2 & 3 then please register using the following form; [Coatesville School Netball Registrations 2023](#)

## Years 1 - 4

Saturday mornings to mid-afternoons at Pinehurst School, \$75 per player.

## Year 5 & 6

Once the squads have been finalised, teams can choose to play at either Pinehurst (Saturday mornings - \$75) or at Netball North Harbour, Northcote (Wednesday afternoons/evenings - \$115)

**Registrations close at 1pm on Wednesday 15th March.**

Further information regarding the season can be found on the [Netball page of our website](#) - [Jo Windust- Netball Coordinator](#)

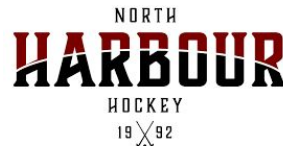


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# Year 3-6 Hockey Registrations 2023

If your child would like to play hockey this year during terms 2 & 3 then please register using the following form; [Coatesville School Hockey Registrations 2023](#)



## Year 3 & 4 Teams

Monday afternoons at the North Harbour Hockey Turfs, Albany. \$120 per player.

## Year 5 & 6 Teams

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# Subway Lunch: Wednesdays!

## A Lunch Option

Parents can place an online order, by **9am each Subway® Day**, which is **delivered every Wednesday**.

Simply visit [www.subway.co.nz/schools](http://www.subway.co.nz/schools) and follow the instructions to place your order.

Should you have any queries over Subway® Days please contact Dhaval at Subway on 021 1801861.

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# Cupcake DAY

ROOMS 1-4 ON BAKING



NEXT FRIDAY 24th MARCH

BRING YOUR CUPCAKES TO THE ARTEC ROOM BEFORE 2:30PM.  
CUPCAKES WILL BE SOLD AFTER SCHOOL!!!

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# !!!SAVE THE DATE!!!

## CANDY LAND DISCO!

**DATE: FRIDAY 31 MARCH**  
**VENUE: ROOM 4**

**KIWI DISCO: 5PM - 6:15PM**  
**KAHU DISCO: 6:30PM - 7:30PM**

**PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU CAN HELP ON THE DAY WITH  
SET UP, OR DURING THE EVENING.  
TANYA.UNGARO@HOTMAIL.COM**



# Being a School Helper!

Every year FOTS works to raise funds for school through a range of events. We appreciate that not everyone is able to attend regular meetings or commit to helping at school on a regular basis. However, we also know that many people may still wish to contribute to school life in a smaller way. Below is a link that describes all the areas - big and small - that we would love your help with. If you feel you could assist with any of these please tick the box/es which apply to you. Every little bit helps, and it all helps with raising money for our kids' experience at school.

[School Helper form](#) - have a look and show your interest.

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# Important Dates: Term 1 & beyond

## Key dates

**Inter-School Swimming Sports** Thursday 16 March (tbc)

**Back to School Social Evening** Thursday 23rd March 5-7.15pm (Date has changed)

**Last Day of Term 1** Thursday 6 April (Good Friday is the 7th)

**Teacher Only Day** Monday 24 April (School closed - Kahui Ako conference/MOE designated TOD)

**First Day of Term 2** Wednesday 26 April (ANZAC Day is the 25th - school closed)

# Community Notices



**Creative Matters**

## After School Art Classes

At Coatesville School  
Wednesdays | 3-5pm

Visit our website for more information and to book  
[creativematters.co.nz](https://creativematters.co.nz)

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# Community Notices

## Players Wanted (Boys) to play Rippa Rugby - Ripper is non-tackle rugby

This is 'Club Rugby' playing for the Kumeu Rugby Club, not specifically a school team although many of the children in these teams are from Coatesville School.

Training is on Wednesday nights (starting Wednesday 15th March) and games are played Saturday mornings (starting mid May). Games and training take place at the Kumeu Rugby Club, which is actually in Riverhead.

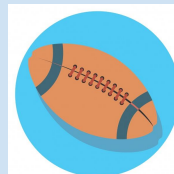
- We need 3 boys for the Under 9s (as at 1st January 2023 are aged 7 or 8 years old).
- We need 2 boys for the Under 11s (as at 1st January 2023 are aged 9 or 10 years old).

Please let me know if you're interested. Kelly McAllister 0212095004.

Online registration at the Kumeu Rugby Club 'Rippa Rugby' link as follows:

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/142319?returnUrl=www.kumeurugby.co.nz/>

Late enrolments are accepted.



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# Community Notices

The poster features a background image of a sunset over a rocky coastline with waves crashing against the shore. Overlaid on this image are two large, white, semi-transparent silhouettes of men in military-style hats, facing each other. In the top right corner, there is a QR code.

**Two Fallen  
Heroes**

**FAMILY FUNDRAISING EVENT**

**12pm - 4pm Sunday 19th March 2023**

**Kumeu Rugby Club**  
2 Alexandra Street, Riverhead

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